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THE DAWN OF PEACE

All the World is Aflame Today with the Prospect of Peace. Germany has Taken the First Step which makes World-wide Peace Possible--She has Designated The Neutral Nations, She is Willing to Entrust With the Great Task--The United States is First

COTTON SKYROCKETS ON PEACE PROPOSALS

Cotton Advanced Three Dollars and a Half Per Bale Today on the Receipt of the Peace Proposals—Stock Market Is Wildly Excited—War Stock Took a Very Sudden Drop.

New York, Dec. 12.—Cotton advanced \$3.50 per bale here this morning upon receipt of the news of peace proposals by Germany. The stock market became very wild and excited. All war stocks dropped precipitately when the news was flashed. Bethlehem Steel dropped 26 points in the twinkling of an eye and was still going down when the market closed.

J. G. SMITH HURT.

John G. Smith of this city was badly injured last Saturday afternoon about six miles from town when he undertook to stop a runaway team hitched to one of his wagons. In some manner Mr. Smith was thrown on the tongue, carried some distance in this manner until his team crashed into a tree in the road. He suffered a broken shoulder and internal injuries. He was attended by a physician as soon as possible and is resting nicely today.

EXTRA PRIZES ARE TO BE GIVEN IN DECEMBER

Did you notice that there was to be two special prizes on the 20th of December? Well, there is. Two beautiful manicuring sets and they will be on exhibition tomorrow. The other grand prizes will be on exhibition at the same time. The 20th is not far off and the two people that make the largest reports on subscriptions up to and inclusive of that date will each be a manicuring set better off. A few subscriptions may win one for you, so get busy and get one for yourself. You can tell by that time whether you want to go farther in the race or not. You will though, for by that time you will find that the race is easy. It is not hard by any means. All you need to do is get started among your friends and you will find that it is easy sailing after that.

Send in the coupon below today. Go take a look at the prizes in the various stores. Ask all the questions you care to of the contest manager. That

is what he is here for, so make use of him. You cannot lose, for there is the commission that protects you. See the car and you will want it, but first send in your nomination, that you may get started with the rest in the race. Today is the day to act and right now is the time for you to send in the nomination coupon that you find below.

Ambition and use of spare time are the very things that made this part of Texas as beautiful as it is to live in. In the same way the Eagle is opening a door for you to grab luxury by the use of spare time merely in gaining new friends and readers. Remember, subscriptions get votes and votes win the prizes. This is your inning to win and to fail to make use of the opportunity you are the loser. In other words, nothing to lose and all to gain, so get your receipt book today and make use of the opportunity. Send in the coupon below.

SEND IN THIS COUPON TODAY:

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Signed.....

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This coupon will count 5,000 votes the same as the nomination blank. Only one nomination vote of 5,000 will be credited to the same person.

Berlin, Dec. 12.—The German government today announced that Germany and her allies, Austria, Turkey and Bulgaria, have decided to enter forthwith into peace negotiations.

Chancellor Von Bethmann Hollweg received representatives of the United States, Spain and Switzerland, which countries have been protecting German interests in hostile foreign countries, and gave them a note and asked them to give it to the entente governments. The note, which was read later in the Reichstag by the chancellor, stated that it was the purpose of the central powers to enter forthwith into negotiations which they believe will be appropriate for the establishment of lasting peace. The governments of Berlin, Vienna, Constantinople and Sofia transmitted identical notes to the Vatican and all other neutral powers.

Chancellor Von Bethmann Hollweg's speech, as reported by the Overseas News Agency, was in part:

"Conscious of our responsibility before God, before our own nations and before humanity, we have proposed to the hostile powers to enter on peace negotiations. Rumania entered the war in order to roll up the German positions in the east and those of Germany's allies. At the same time the grand offensive on the Somme had as its object to pierce Germany's front, and the renewed Italian attacks were intended to paralyze Austria-Hungary.

"The situation was serious, but with God's help our troops shaped conditions so as to give us security more complete than ever. We are stronger than ever and our safety is beyond question."

Chancellor Von Bethmann Hollweg, in addressing the Reichstag, said the peace proposals had for their object the guarantee of the existence, or the honor and of the liberty and of the evolution of the four allied central powers.

London Gets the News.

London, Dec. 12.—A wireless dispatch from Berlin says that Chancellor Von Bethmann Hollweg announced in the Reichstag today that Germany, together with her allies, "conscious of their responsibility before God, before their own nation and before humanity," has proposed peace negotiations.

Germany Would Restore.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Advices from Berlin to the Germany embassy today indicate Germany will propose the complete restoration of the captured portions of France and Belgium in return for Germany's colonies, the maintenance of newly established kingdoms of Poland and Lithuania, and the disposal of the Balkan situation in a peace conference.

In transmitting the proposals of the central powers the United States probably would follow the practice which has been invariable so far in acting as the medium of communication between the hostile governments and would not make them public. The terms would, of course, be known to President Wilson and Secretary Lansing, who would examine them to determine whether they should be accompanied by any word from the United States. News of the proposals was practically the only topic discussed among members of Congress as they assembled today. There was no doubt that the matter would be discussed at the regular cabinet meeting scheduled for this afternoon. The foreign embassies and legations received their first information of the event through the Associated Press. On every hand the conversation turned

to a discussion of it. The United States represents Austria and Germany in Belgium, France, Great Britain, Japan, Russia, Serbia and Rumania in Berlin, and represents Turkey in France, Great Britain and Japan.

President Wilson made no comment on receipt of the news of peace proposals. It is believed here that the peace offer at this time was made with the expectation of making terms acceptable to England's allies, who might bring pressure that would cause her to stop fighting. The recent death of Emperor Francis Joseph and the succession of Emperor Charles also was thought to be a possible factor.

Germany Replies to U. S. Note.

Berlin, Dec. 12.—Germany's reply to the American note protesting against the deportation of Belgians declares there was urgent need of work for the Belgians, whose idleness was causing demoralization, and contends they are assured of faring well in Germany, saying the German government believes the United States had been misinformed.

The reply volunteers to let American diplomatic representatives visit the workmen's camps and assure themselves that the Belgians are well off. It concludes with an expression of regret that the United States has never seen fit to protest against what it describes as the dragging off of Germans from East Prussia, Olsace and other places to Siberia and elsewhere, and other such actions by the allies which it says are severe violations of the laws of humanity.

Greece to Mobilize.

London, Dec. 12.—A Copenhagen dispatch says advices from Switzerland say that King Constantine of Greece has ordered a general mobilization.

New French Cabinet.

Paris, Dec. 12.—Premier Briand, head of the new government, probably will appear in the Chamber of Deputies Wednesday. Briand said the list of the reconstructed cabinet would be printed tomorrow.

London Will Not Comment.

London, Dec. 12.—The British foreign office said today it was unable to discuss the peace proposals until they were received, and in the meantime the attitude was unchanged.

Little Interest in Parliament.

London, Dec. 12.—The absence, through illness, of Premier Lloyd-George and former Premier Asquith, and the postponement until Thursday of the new cabinet's statement of policy, today robbed the meeting of the House of Commons of the interest which usually attaches to the first session of a new government with Parliament.

Germans Retiring.

London, Dec. 12.—Petrograd reports that the Germans are retiring some of their divisions from Rumania and transferring them to other fronts, with the Rumanian situation more favorable to the ententes. Berlin reports fighting in the Carpathians along the western front and in Moldavia, and the capture of Mizil near Ploesti.

W. U. OFFICIALS HERE.

S. M. English, general manager, and F. H. Austin, assistant general manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company, visited Bryan today. These gentlemen are here to inspect the Bryan office.



WOODROW WILSON.

CHIEF FIGURE IN WORLD'S PEACE

THE POOR MAN WILL AGAIN EAT BISCUITS

Wheat Takes a Drop of Eleven Cents Immediately on Receipt of Peace Proposals—Time Is Near at Hand When Poor Man Can Again Buy Flour.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 12.—The wheat market suffered a drop of 11 cents this morning following receipt of Berlin dispatches.

REOPENED HEARING ON PAPER PRICES

Facts Showed No Increase in Manufacture of Paper and Selling Expense Is Lower.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 12.—The Federal Trade Commission today reopened the hearing on the rise of news print paper prices. Figures presented showed there has been no increase in the cost of paper manufacture in the last year and that selling expenses were lower and profits higher.

PACKERS APPEAL IS DISMISSED

Supreme Court of U. S. Dismisses Case Where Missouri Beef Trust Was Fined \$25,000.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—The United States Supreme Court today dismissed the appeal of the packers from the \$25,000 fine which was assessed against them in the Missouri Beef Trust case.

OPERATOR TRANSFERRED.

H. F. James, the popular Western Union operator, has been notified that he has been transferred to Cushing, Okla. He will leave in a few days for his new location. His successor has not been named.

FELL IN TRAP LAID FOR THEM BY THE TEUTONS

Rumanians Are Still Retreating—Germany Claims Justification for Deportation of Belgians Because They Need Assistance—Believed Great French Battleship Was Lost With All on Board—King Constantine of Greece in Bad Health.

London, Dec. 8.—The German war office today reports the capture of eight thousand more Russians, who were trapped in Western Wallachia. The Rumanians seemingly are still on the retreat northeastward, rapidly leaving Southern Wallachia. Von Mackensen says a stand by the retreating forces is not expected until the Buzen river is reached.

Fighting is taking place between Bulgarians and Serbians near Monastir and between the French and Germans in the Verdun region.

Justifies Belgian Deportations.

Berlin, Dec. 8.—The German government today issued a statement justifying the transfer of Belgian laborers to Germany. It says the measure is a social necessity and not a hardship for the laborers, a half million of whom are idle because the British embargo has destroyed Belgium's overseas trade.

In all, the statement says, 1,500,000 persons, one-fifth of the total Belgian population, require assistance, including 233,000 wives and 612,000 children of the men who are without work.

Believed Battleship Lost.

Paris, Dec. 8.—It is believed the battleship Suffren, which sailed November 24th and has not been heard from since, is lost with all on board. The Suffren sailed from L'Orient, the French naval station in Brittany. She displaced 12,700 tons and her normal crew was 730 men.

Evening News Protests.

London, Dec. 8.—The Evening News, a strong supporter of Lloyd-George, today protests strongly against the suggestion that A. J. Balfour be appointed foreign secretary and that Lord Robert Cecil be retained as under secretary for foreign

affairs. It refers to Lord Cecil's foreign office record, in the weakening of the blockade, as "disastrous."

Asquith Offered Earldom.

London, Dec. 8.—According to the Chronicle, King George yesterday wrote to former Premier Asquith, offering him an earldom and the Order of the Garter. It is understood Asquith asked permission to decline both honors.

Will Delay Irish Question.

London, Dec. 8.—The Manchester Guardian says it is not unlikely that Premier Lloyd-George will attempt an immediate solution of the Irish question by means of an imperial conference.

Airplanes Raided Trieste.

Rome, Dec. 8.—Two Italian seaplanes raided Trieste yesterday, an unofficial statement says today, and returned unharmed, although subjected to heavy Austrian bombardment.

Greek King Ill.

Paris, Dec. 8.—The health of King Constantine of Greece is again causing anxiety, according to news from German sources. The old wound in the king's side continues to open and he is very weak, it is said.

Would Buy Greece.

London, Dec. 8.—Germany and Austria have offered to aid Greece in opening land communications if she declares war on the entente allies, a Switzerland dispatch says.

Berlin, Dec. 8.—An Italian airplane was brought down by Lieutenant Banfield, the noted Austrian aviator, in an engagement over Carson plateau, December 3rd.

CHRISTMAS CHEER TO BE DISPENSED

Meeting Held at First Baptist Church Last Night and the Initial Steps Taken.

Under the auspices of the Pastors' Association of Bryan a meeting was held last night at the First Baptist church for the purpose of inaugurating a movement to relieve the needs of the poor of Bryan at the Christmas season. Rev. J. C. Welch presided at the meeting and Rev. J. C. Story acted as secretary. A general discussion of the subject was had, but no definite plans outlined. Mrs. M. B. Parker was selected to have charge of the women's department of the work.

It is the purpose of those in charge of the movement to thoroughly organize the entire city for the two-fold purpose of raising ample funds to provide for the needs of the unfortunate and also to secure a complete list of all who need assistance. Further announcements will be made later. In the meantime, all societies, lodges, organizations and individuals who wish to aid in this worthy movement should settle the matters so as to be ready to act when the committee calls, or, better still, notify the committee in advance.

GERMANY OFFERS TO MAKE AMENDS

Ship Was in No Sense a Transport and Was Entitled to Immunities of Peaceful Merchantman.

(By Associated Press)

Washington, Dec. 8.—The British ship Marina which was sunk by a German submarine with a loss of six American lives was in no sense a transport and was entitled to immunities of a peaceful merchantman, according to official information received by the State Department. Germany will, however, make amends. A new note to Germany on the general submarine situation, as the result of the latest undersea activities, seems possible. It will be expected to clear up differences of interpretation as to Germany's pledges in the Sussex case.

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BRYAN'S FIRST CIVIC CHRISTMAS TREE

Young Ladies of Reading Club Inaugurate New Movement—Committees in Charge.

The members of the Reading Club at their meeting yesterday afternoon decided that Bryan was coming up into the class of the larger and progressive cities of the country, and inaugurated a movement for Bryan's first municipal Christmas tree. It is not to be for charity at all, and no presents will be placed on the tree, but the decorations will be elaborate and a splendid program will be rendered. The exercises will be held Christmas night. The committees having the matter in charge are as follows:

Tree Committee—Misses Malcolm McInnis, Mary McInnis, Mabel Zimmerman and Allie Conway.

Decorations—Misses Willie Rogers, Alice Burtis, Edith Cavitt, Adeline Sanders, Mesdames Seth Holman, E. E. McAdams, Clarence Vick and John Herrington.

Program—Misses Sarah Allen, Florence Smith, Margaret Zuber and Mrs. Gunter.

WILSON'S MAJORITY IN NEW MEXICO

After Official Canvass President's Majority is 2,392, Increasing the Unofficial Count.

(By Associated Press.) Santa Fe, N. M., Dec. 7.—The official canvass of the general election which was held one month ago today was completed this morning and President Wilson's majority over Mr. Hughes is 2,392. This is a considerable increase over the unofficial count.

NEW BOOKS AT LIBRARY.

A few of the books recently received at the library:

The Ethics of Wagner, The Ring of the Nibelung, Mary E. Lewis.

Legends of Wagner Drama, Jessie L. Weston.

Here's To You, William A. Alderson.

Enoch Crain, Francis H. Smith.

Lady Connie, Mrs. M. A. Ward.

When a Man's a Man, Harold Bell Wright.

World for Sale, Gilbert Parker.

The Circuit Rider's Widow, Corra Harris.

The Rising Tide, Margaret Deland.

Thirteenth Commandment, Rupert Hughes.

The Book of Texas, Benedict and Lomax.

Please help the librarian keep the reading room quiet by talking in a low tone.

Books are given out at 9:30 in the morning and from 3 to 5:30 in the afternoon.

LIBRARIAN.

MEXICAN BANDIT DREW 15 YEARS

Ramon Pizana Who Killed Trooper, A. E. McGuire Last Year Is Tried at Brownsville.

Brownsville, Texas, Dec. 8.—Ramon Pizana, a Mexican bandit raider was today sentenced to serve 15 years in the penitentiary for killing of trooper E. A. McGuire last year.

AWARDS WERE MADE ON THE BIG POULTRY SHOW

One of the Finest Lot of Birds Ever Brought Together in Texas and all Looked Good Enough to Take Blue Ribbons—Editor Savage of Belton Did Fine Work in Judging—Show was Success from Every Standpoint.

Through the untiring efforts of Editor Savage of Belton, official judge for the Brazos county poultry show, the work of judging and making awards appears below, with perhaps the exception of one or two specials. The show was well attended again today, a large number of citizens coming in from their homes in the country. Following is the list of awards:

Rhode Island Reds.
Cocks—James Everett, Oglesby, first; Richardson & Kazmier, Bryan, second and fourth; James Everett, third.

Hens—C. M. Evans, Bryan, first, second and third; Richardson & Kazmier, fourth.

Cockerels—Richardson & Kazmier, first and second; C. M. Evans, third; Spreckelmeyer & Conway, fourth.

Pullets—Spreckelmeyer & Conway, first; James Everett, second and third; Richardson & Kazmier, fourth.

Pen—James Everett, 186½; Richardson & Kazmier, 185; Spreckelmeyer & Conway, 183½; C. M. Evans, 182½.

White Rocks.
Hens—C. E. Jenkins, first, second and third.

Cockerels—A. S. Adams, first, second, third and fourth.

Cocks—C. E. Jenkins, first and second.

Pen—C. E. Jenkins, 182½; A. S. Adams, 181½; A. S. Adams, 180½, third.

White Wyandottes.
Cock—Dr. Lee R. Herrington, Reliel, first and second; cock, first and second; pullet, first and second; hen, first and second; pen, first.

S. C. Brown Leghorns.
Cockerels—William Kaule, Houston, first and second; hen, first and fourth; cock, second; pullet, third; pen, second; pen, points 183 13-16.

O. W. Clark, Temple; cock, first and third; pullet, first, second and fourth;

cock, third; hen, second and third; pen, first; pen points, 184½.

R. I. Novice Class.
David Reed, Bryan, first cockerel, first and second hen; J. H. Morehead, third and fourth hen.

Single Comb White Leghorns.
Cocks—C. E. Jenkins, first, second and third.

Cockerels—J. T. Lawler, first, second and fourth; C. E. Jenkins, third.

Hens—J. T. Lawler, first and fourth C. E. Jenkins, second and third.

Pullets—J. T. Lawler, first; C. E. Jenkins, second, third and fourth.

Pens—J. T. Lawler, first, 185½; C. E. Jenkins, second, 185 1-16; M. B. Riordon, third, 181 3-16; J. T. Lawler, fourth, 180¼.

Barred Plymouth Rocks.
J. T. Lawler, second cock; M. G. Nall, first, second and third hen.

Rose Comb R. I. Reds.
R. J. Hunnicutt, second cockerel, third and fourth hen, third pullet.

Buff Orpingtons.
J. O. Tucker, third cock, fourth cockerel, second and third hens, second and fourth pullet; H. T. Lawler, Jr., first hen, first and third pullet; C. G. Wetter, fourth hen; J. O. Tucker, fourth pen, 177¼.

Barred Plymouth Rocks.
Novice Class—J. H. Morehead, third and fourth hens.

Silver Wyandottes.
C. E. Jenkins, first hen.

S. C. R. I. Red Specials.
Best shaped male, Richardson & Kazmier; best shaped female, C. M. Evans; best colored male, Richardson & Kazmier; best colored female, Spreckelmeyer & Conway.

Rhode Island Reds in Flocks.
Spreckelmeyer & Conway, first, Richardson & Kazmier, second; C. M. Evans, third.

WILL ATTEND NATIONAL CONFERENCE AT WASHINGTON.

Miss Bernice Carter, assistant state agent in charge of home demonstration work, left this afternoon for Washington, D. C., where she goes to attend the national meeting of state

canning club agents in that city. Miss Carter was accompanied by Miss Kate Lee Hendley. They will be absent from the city about two weeks, going from the conference to other cities in the East sightseeing.

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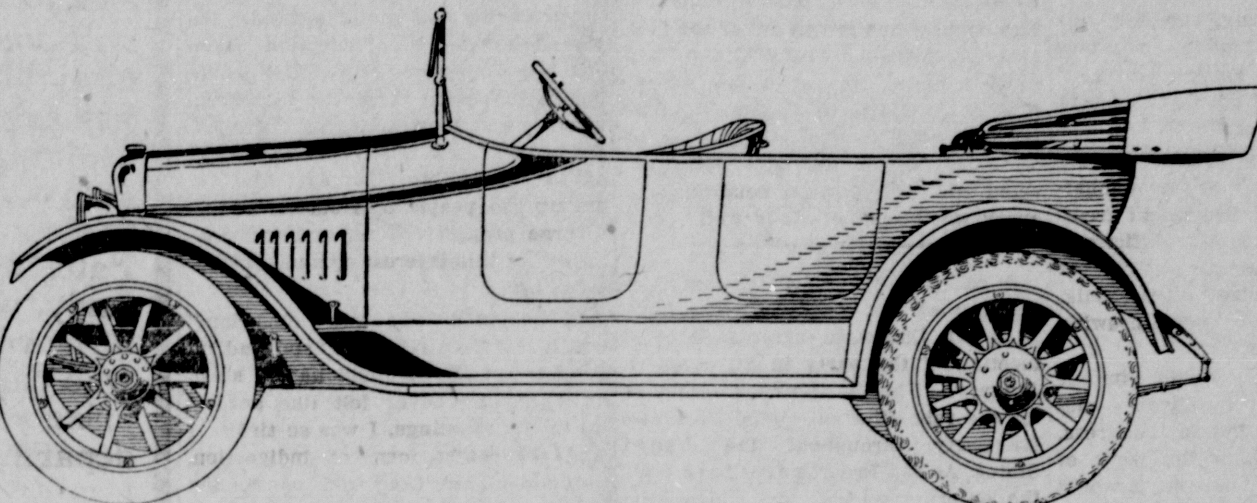
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HOW TO START

Fill in the nomination blank below and mail to the contest manager, care of The Eagle, Bryan, Texas. This free nomination blank will be credited to each person. Necessary supplies will be sent you on receipt of your nomination. Ask all the questions you wish—they will be answered immediately.

HOW TO GET THE VOTES

The principal way to get the votes will be to get subscriptions for the Daily and Weekly Eagle at the regular subscription price of \$5.00 a year for the Daily and \$1.00 a year for the Weekly, (cash of course). You may get subscriptions from people now taking the paper. On each

subscription you will get a stated number of votes in accordance with official VOTE SCHEDULE WHICH APPEARS HEREWITH and which will also be printed on the back of the receipt books. You may get subscriptions from any place and may use any number of ways you see fit in securing subscriptions. You may call people on the telephone, you may write letters, and you may call in person to secure subscriptions. The personal call is the best method.

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THE DAWN OF PEACE.

It is to be doubted if in all the history of the world a message was ever flashed on the wings of lightning or by the slower methods of communication, of greater import, or that was hailed with more universal joy and thanksgiving, than the peace messages that were flashed around the world today. The whole civilized world is sick of soul and weary at heart because of the great war, the tragedy of the age, that has desolated Europe and carried its messages of sorrow, its blighting shadow into every civilized land under the shining sun. Now that there is a rift in the clouds, that the dawning of peace can be seen in the distance, the whole world rejoices. Let us hope the end is near. Let us pray the time is near when "the swords shall be beaten into ploughshares, and the spears into pruning hooks."

STATUS OF GREAT WAR.

The great war in Europe has been going on so long, covers such vast territory, so many countries are involved, the fighting forces are of such staggering numbers, the expenses so great, the losses so heavy, the lay mind becomes bewildered and the people have lost the comprehensive view of the situation. Following is a comprehensive view of the war status as it stands today:

The fighting front, reckoning the battle alignment in all the theaters of war, extends in length for about 2,500 miles, or more than two-thirds the distance from Liverpool to New York. Fighting is continuous and violent on about a sixth of this 2,500-mile front.

The Rumanian western front is nearly 700 miles long, or 160 miles longer than the front on which the French, British and Belgian armies are fighting.

The density of troops in the various theaters of war ranges from 6,000 to 2,000 men per mile. The densest concentration in any war theater is on the Somme. On the Somme front alone the Germans have 2,000 guns. The life of a big gun is very short. After firing 200 shells it must be sent away for repairs, says the Continental Mail. This gives a good idea of the wastage.

The Italians are holding up between 600,000 and 800,000 Austrian troops, including some of the finest units in the Austrian army. The North Italian troops have long been known as among the best fighting troops in the world.

There are two Russian armies—the army that is equipped and the army that is being equipped. In size there is little to choose between them.

Britain is fighting in five theaters of war—in France, in the Egyptian desert, in Mesopotamia, the Balkans and Africa.

The Portuguese have already entered the war, for Portuguese troops are fighting against the Germans in East Africa and fighting very well. In the Peninsular war our generals formed a great opinion of the military virtues of Portuguese soldiers.

The Serbs, whom the Bulgars thought they had exterminated, are fighting in two distinct zones—in Macedonia and in the Dobruja.

The allied army in the Balkans is the most mixed multitude ever deputed to achieve the objects of a campaign of such importance. Though it already includes British, French, Moroccans, Italians, Serbs, Albanians and Greeks, it is possible that we have not yet seen the limits of this assortment.

Armored cars are being used on all the allied fronts. They are maneuvered by either Belgian or British units.

The Italian army in the Trentino is only about a hundred miles from Germany, which may be said to be threatened from four different directions—from France, from Belgium, from Russia and from Italy.

The Russians have three distinct fleets, one in the Arctic ocean, one in the Baltic and one in the Black Sea. They have also warships in the Mediterranean.

TOO MANY CONGRESSMEN.

Champ Clark says the number should be cut down to 300 and kept there.

It would mean a vast saving to the taxpayers of the community and as the Eagle has devoted considerable space recently to retrenchment in governmental expenditures, we quote

with pleasure the following utterance from the Houston Post on Speaker Clark's statement:

"Champ Clark made no idle suggestion the other day when he said that the membership of the House of Representatives ought to be reduced to 300 and kept at that figure.

"The Sixty-sixth Congress, to be chosen in 1918, will make a new apportionment based upon the 1920 census, and at that time the reduction ought to be made.

"It would be justifiable to reduce the membership of the House as a matter of economy, if there were not other good reasons for doing so. The saving in the matter of salaries, clerk hire, mileage, free seeds, stationery and the abuse of the franking privilege would be considerable, but it would mean other economies as well.

"It is well known that each member must have appropriations for his district—appropriations that have little value so far as the public is concerned, but are useful in a political sense to the members in whose districts the money is expended. The sum of \$100,000 per annum unnecessarily appropriated is a small average per representative. That saving, together with other items, might reduce expenses by at least twenty million dollars a year—a sum not too trivial to save in times like the present.

"But apart from economical considerations, the reduction of the membership of the House to 300 would greatly increase the legislative efficiency of the body. At present the House is rather a mob because of its bulk. There are too many cooks brewing the legislative broth.

"A smaller body would impart a greater degree of intelligence and care to the legislation of Congress, and it would facilitate the work of Congress as well. Moreover, it would materially modify the conditions which make the work of the House legislation by committees instead of work by the Congress.

"There are not only too many members, but too many committees. Committees have steadily increased in number as the membership of the House has increased, because it is necessary, it appears, to have a sufficiency of committees to supply places for the ambitious statesmen who yearn to prolong their tenure of office. The plethora of committees and needless number of members mean too many bills, too much worthless legislation, too many laws and too much interference by the federal government with the powers of the states and the ordinary processes of human activity.

"We are getting a topheavy government at Washington as a result of too many agencies of government. Too much government means too much expense, too much innovation, too much officiousness and, in the finality, too much corruption.

"There would be a wonderful amount of good to flow from the reduction of the number of congressmen.

"Of course, it might stagger civilization and cause the pillars of freedom to totter to shove 135 congressmen and their horde of useless hangers-on out of their warm places, but in the end the people would be benefited."

Mr. Ed F. Blackshear was brought home from Houston last night, having suffered intensely for two days from an attack of lumbago in its most acute form. The trouble may have been superinduced by the auto accident, but the result from the accident itself was practically nothing. Mr. Blackshear hopes to be about again in a day or two.—Navasota Examiner.

Editor Blackshear's many friends among the newspaper boys will regret to learn of his illness and all indulge the hope Richard will soon be himself again.

ANNUAL PERJURY.

Every year she says, sez she, "You must solemnly agree Not to buy a thing for me! Gifts mean nothing in my eyes—It's the spirit that I prize—And we must economize." So we solemnly concur, And we earnestly agree—Not a thing from me to her, Not a thing from her to me. Every year I say, sez I, Gazing gracefully, eye to eye, "Give me nothing you must buy. You'll admit it's very true, It's a foolish thing to do, Swapping presents—me and you!" So each year we gravely swear, Though we're thoroughly aware Each will spend a little more On the other, than before.

—Burgess Johnson, in Life.

Before the close of 1917 the hum and whirr of the spindles of a large, thoroughly organized and firmly established cotton mill should be heard in Bryan. Why not manufacture our cotton here right in the fields and not ship it to England? There is too much loss in freight going and coming.

The number of vacant houses in a town or city is an index to its prosperity. If you would test Bryan's prosperity, go out and try to rent a house.

A poll tax receipt is your certificate of citizenship. The season is open and Collector McCulloch and his accommodating deputy, Roy Huds-peth, are ready to serve you.

Christmas is the gift month. Buy them in Bryan.

The high prices of farm products have given our farmers great prosperity this year and in consequence the Eagle hears of many substantial improvements being made in different parts of the county. New homes are being erected, some are being repaired, some enlarged, some repainted, a new chimney here, a new barn there, and so it goes all over the county. The news of this improvement is certainly welcome to all. The prosperity of all depends on the prosperity of the farm and the fact that the farmers are improving their surroundings and adding to their comforts and conveniences, is cause for general rejoicing. The country has grown out of the idea that the farmer is entitled only to have a bare living. All are agreed that he should have as much and as good as anybody, and the efforts of state and nation are now being exerted to improve rural conditions in every way possible. It is well.

A call is soon to be issued for a meeting of the Texas Progressive party at Dallas to arrange for the meeting of the party in St. Louis in January. The St. Louis meeting is for the rehabilitation of the Progressive party throughout the United States. As the Progressives have been the entering wedge by which the Democrats landed their man in the White House twice "hand goin'," they will not doubt hail the news of the St. Louis meeting with joy.

Secretary Wilson of the Department of Labor, in his report recommends that a new office be created. The expansion and welfare of the service demands it. It is always easy to show that a great urgency exists when it is proposed to prepare warm places for political friends and "lame ducks." If this old ship of state ever sinks, it will be from trying to sail with too heavy a crew of officeholders. They've got her far below the water line now.

Carranza's reply to the protocol adopted by the American-Mexican commission for his approval, is on the way to Washington. It is stated he has not yet signed the protocol, but approves it in the main and is only asking for slight changes in the phraseology. If the changes are agreed to by the American commissioners arrangements for his signature will be authorized by wire. News of his practical acceptance of the protocol is encouraging and relieves what otherwise would have been very strained relations between the two governments had he rejected it in toto. The approval of the protocol means the withdrawal of General Pershing's punitive expedition, and with the American troops out of Mexico, a very great cause of irritation will be removed.

The Deutschland has again poked her nose out of the water in a German port. Two round trips to America, escaping the sleepless eyes of the British navy, is no small accomplishment. For the second time our hat comes off to plucky Captain Koenig.

The man, woman, boy or girl who gets the most joy out of the coming Christmas season is the one who does most for others.

satisfactorily.—Austin American.

If the exorbitant prices charged for eggs in the city went to the farmers who produced the eggs, it would be a different matter altogether. The farmers would spend the money with the local merchants and it would right back to the channels of trade. As it is, the money goes to the cold storage trusts who bought the eggs at 15 and 20 cents a dozen.

In discussing the bitter plinch which is distressing the poor of the cities, Governor Ferguson says let them go to the country and become a part of the great army of producers themselves. That is easier said than done. They have no farms to go to, they have no farming equipment, no teams, no feed and no money to live on until they could make a crop. The poorer classes of the cities working for small wages are up against the real thing and are entitled to every consideration that can be shown them by the more fortunate. To be sure it is well for them to go to the farms whenever and wherever it is made possible for them to do so.

Forty and forty-five cent butter on biscuits that cost a nickel apiece, will have to be made mighty thin at both ends.

FORMER SHERIFF
ENDORSES TANLAC

Prominent Houston Man Says "Money Could Not Buy the Good It Has Done Me."

"Money could not buy the good Tanlac has done me, and I gladly recommend it for what it has done in my case," said Hon. Archie R. Anderson of Houston, ex-sheriff of Harris county, a few days ago.

Mr. Anderson needs no introduction to the people of Texas, as he is unquestionably not only one of the best known, but one of the most popular men that ever held public office in "The Lone Star" State. After serving as deputy sheriff of Harris county for 12 years, Mr. Anderson was elected chief of police of the city of Houston. He had occupied this office only a short time when the sheriff of Harris county died. Mr. Anderson's friends persuaded him to make the race for unexpired term of sheriff, to which he was easily elected. He was honored with re-election seven different times and served the people in this important office for 15 consecutive years. Four years ago Mr. Anderson declined re-election and retired to private life. He cast his lot among the people of Houston and is a large property owner and foremost citizen of this interesting and prosperous city.

"I was in a run-down condition," continued Mr. Anderson, "and had no appetite at all. I could hardly sleep at night and never felt like getting up in the mornings. I was so tired. I had the worst form of indigestion, suffered all the time from gas on my stomach and was continually belching up undigested food. I had to take my coffee without sugar, as when I drank it with sugar I would just belch for hours. I would bloat and swell up like I was poisoned and suffered with neuralgic pains of the worst sort and nothing seemed to help me only in a temporary way. I just can't tell you how I did suffer for the past four years and up to the time I began taking Tanlac a few weeks ago.

"When I read the testimonials of some who had been relieved of troubles like mine I just felt like I couldn't make a mistake by taking Tanlac, and it has done even more for me than I had expected. I began to feel better after taking my first bottle and have just now started on my third and I'm a different man already. I sleep like a log now and eat just any and everything I want without the slightest discomfort afterwards. I am glad to endorse Tanlac because it does the work and I'm telling all my friends just what I'm telling you. I never felt better in my life than I do since taking Tanlac. I am willing for you to publish my statement and let every suffering person who may wish benefit by my experience with this great medicine."

Tanlac is sold in Bryan by Read & Stewart.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

D. A. Smith to Albert Pearce 12 acres in Richard Carter league, consideration, \$50.00.

D. A. Smith to Annie Pearce 3 acres in Richard Carter league, consideration, \$150.00.

J. S. and Martha Thompson to W. E. Watson, lot 3, block 38, Oak Grove addition, consideration, \$715.00.

WILSON'S MAJORITY
28, 136 IN KENTUCKY

Official Canvass in Kentucky Completed Today and Majority Is Raised Almost Thousand.

(By Associated Press.)
Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 11.—President Wilson's plurality in Kentucky at the November election was 28,136, according to the official canvass of the returns, which was completed today. This is almost one thousand votes more than was announced in the unofficial count.

EVANGELISTS EARN
TOO MUCH MONEY

Question Was Argued Before the Federal Council of Churches in St. Louis Today.

(By Associated Press.)
St. Louis, Dec. 11.—Salaries for evangelists, instead of "part salary and part subscriptions systematically solicited," was urged by the evangelist commission before the Federal Church Council today. The report said evangelists earn too much money as compared to regular ministers.

To Every Little Girl in
Bryan

We are going to give 500 little girls something very lovely for their dolls. Guess what? You never could, so we shall tell you. A really, truly McCall Pattern for your doll, exactly like grown-ups use, only yours will be a dear little one. And best of all, for each of the three little girls who make the neatest, prettiest dresses with a FREE McCall Pattern there is a PRIZE—a beautiful new doll with real hair! Isn't that just lovely? The cloth you use will not matter a bit—gingham, silk, or a piece from a warm last winter dress will do. You must cut your doll's dress exactly like the McCall Doll Pattern; and we will expect you to take neat little stitches, just as though you were a big girl making a dress for yourself. Ask mother or some grown-up to come with you for the FREE McCall Doll Pattern we shall have waiting for you. Come early, won't you? The FREE McCall Patterns will be given to the first 500 little girls who call on us. Remember, if you try for a prize your doll's dress must be in our pattern department before 4 o'clock on Dec. 22.

W. J. COULTER CO.

DR. BIZZELL'S NEW BOOK.

President of A. and M. Has Published His Third Book.

"The Social Teachings of the Jewish Prophets" is the title of a book just off the press by Dr. W. B. Bizzell, president of A. and M. College. The book presents an everyday interpretation and application of the teachings of the great Jewish prophets to the everyday social life.

Sherman, French & Co., publishers, describe it as a "scholarly contribution to Biblical literature." The viewpoint represents a departure from the traditional treatment of Bible themes. It is intended to serve the requirements of Bible study classes, ministers and laymen who seek to know the real contribution of the Jewish prophets to the social ideals of their own times and to the age in which we live.

This is Dr. Bizzell's third book, the other two dealing with social and political problems.

BANK IS ROBBED
CASHIER IS KILLED

(By Associated Press.)

Point, Texas, Dec. 8.—Several posers are today scouring Rains county for a masked robber who last night took \$244 from the Point National Bank and killed the cashier, Clarence Glass, who is well known throughout East Texas. The robber shot Mr. Glass three times in the back, after the money had been turned over to him. The cashier was alone in the bank working on his books when attacked.

SONS OF HERMAN ELECT.

The Bryan Lodge, Sons of Herman, at its last regular meeting elected officers for the ensuing year as follows:

B. Kaczer, president.
John Whitman, vice president.
F. A. Sommerlatte, secretary.
Aug. Jahn, treasurer.
Joe Groginski, trustee.
Dr. A. L. Mondrick, surgeon.
Charles Nitch, Harry Marwill and Philip Endler, finance committee.
Aug. Thomson, representative to grand lodge.
F. A. Sommerlatte, alternate.

RESIDENCE FIRE.
Home of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Myers Burned Sunday Morning.

Fire completely destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Myers on Bryan street one block south of the I. & G. N. depot at 2:30 o'clock Sunday morning. Mr. Myers had returned to his home about an hour before the fire broke out and he had just time enough to escape before it was in flames. None of the household goods were saved and the loss was complete. The loss is estimated at about \$4,500 on building and contents, covered by \$3,100 insurance on both. Neighbors who discovered the fire say that it was first noticed in the roof. The roof of the residence of Tom Warburton a next door neighbor was partially burned. The fire department was on hand promptly and three lines of hose were laid and the water pressure was good.

WILL CONTINUE WORK.

The commissioners' court was in session today and among the most important items of business transacted was an order to continue the girls' canning club work in Brazos county, in connection with the Commercial Association, for eight months of 1917. A. M. Waldrop, president of the Commercial Club; J. Webb Howell, chairman of the agricultural committee, and W. A. McElroy, secretary, went before the court and laid the matter before them by urging the importance of the work, what had been accomplished and the outlook for the future, and after the question had been thoroughly discussed the order was passed.

VILLA'S REIGN AN
ERA OF CRIME

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 9.—The first Chihuahua City newspaper reaching the border since the city was recaptured by the Carranzistas, says that Villa's occupation of the state capital was an "era of crimes, infamies and assassinations." Foreign shops, principally Chinese and Arabian, were looted. It says further that among the murdered were many soldiers' wives who remained with their husbands through the battle. Daudelio Uribe, the dastardly "ear cutter," led in most of the slaughter.

Money to Loan

I have plenty of money to make quick loans on improved farms, ranches and unimproved land. If you need a loan on your farm, ranch or unimproved land write, phone or come to see me.

J. M. LEE

District Clerks Office, Bryan, Texas

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

FRIDAY.

J. R. Sheppard of Colorado City, Texas, arrived last night for a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sheppard of Kurten. He had been in attendance upon the Masonic Grand Lodge at Waco for the past week.

Driller Adams, for the Brazos County Oil Company, has returned from Beaumont, where he was called by the illness of one of his children. Mr. Adams says the derrick for the Brazos county well is up and most of the machinery on the ground. With good weather it will be only a few days until the drill starts down.

Rev. J. J. Kasiska and Ernest Wiese of Kurten were visitors to the city today.

Seth B. Holman, secretary to Col. Clarence Ousley of the extension department of A. and M. College, went to Dallas last night on business for his department.

Joe Hunnicutt returned this morning from a business trip to Fort Worth.

John P. Darter of Leon county was in Bryan on business today. His old friends were glad to see him.

L. M. Hewitt returned to Navasota yesterday afternoon after a short business visit to Bryan.

R. C. Mead went to Hearne and Calvert today on a business trip.

Mrs. G. C. Royder returned to her home in Wellborn yesterday afternoon after spending the day shopping in Bryan.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Wheelless and daughter, Miss Verna, of Edge, were shopping in the city today.

Mrs. Fred L. Perkins and little son, Louis, arrived last night from El Paso for a visit to Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Harder.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. D. Robinson were in today from Wixon.

Mrs. T. A. Hensarling of Steep Hollow is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. E. Moody, at Piedmont.

Mrs. R. B. Elliott is in Benchley visiting Mrs. Ralph Dunn.

Mrs. Coleman Hardy of Palestine has sufficiently recovered from a recent operation to be up, to the delight of her many friends.

R. J. Potts of the Potts-Moore Gravel Company of Waco, is attending to business in the city today.

Dr. W. S. Smith of Marlin is spending today in Bryan.

Miss Hazel Adams of Victoria arrived this afternoon and is the guest of Miss Dorcas Parker.

R. S. Newsome, manager of the Koppe-Robinson plantation in the bottom, was transacting business in the city today.

W. E. Graham was in trading today from Rock Prairie.

B. A. Huggins was in from Kurten today.

Phone Hensarling Merc. Co. for fresh country sausage and backbone. 295, 395, 495.

Prof. Ellison Van Hoose arrived last night from Houston to fill his regular appointment in the music department of B. B. A.

Mrs. G. W. Stephenson of Plantersville is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Kurten, at Kurten.

George Echols was in today from Rosprin.

Mrs. R. H. Seale and son, Columbus, of Benchley, were in the city today.

Pat Wallace is a business visitor in Marlin.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Kruger returned to Houston this afternoon after a visit to friends in the city.

SATURDAY

F. L. Hillyer of San Antonio is in the city looking after his interests in the Hillyer-Deutsch Lumber Company.

H. G. Tallafiero of Calvert is visiting his parents, Judge and Mrs. W. G. Tallafiero.

O. L. Wilcox was in the city yesterday from Tabor.

Miss Gertrude Turner returned to her home in Houston yesterday afternoon after a pleasant visit to Miss Addie Walthal.

Ed Covey and W. S. Mial went to Houston yesterday afternoon.

J. B. Dunn of Benchley is visiting in Houston.

Prof. C. A. Wood was a visitor from College yesterday.

H. J. Tuffy, the popular National Biscuit Company salesman, is spending the week-end with his family in this city.

Dr. R. H. Harrison and Wade Cox went to Houston yesterday afternoon.

D. E. Nelson, manager of the Eagle Printing Company, will leave tonight on a short business trip to Oklahoma City.

Joe Goldenburg is spending a few days with his family in Bryan.

Joe Sample was in the city today from his home on Cottonwood.

J. J. Riley, Claude Griffith and J. H. Mathis were in the city today from Reliance.

Miss Bessie Whaley arrived this afternoon from Caldwell and will visit Miss Vesta Turner.

Mrs. L. L. Chapelle and Mrs. J. W. Mitchell were among the College shoppers in Bryan today.

Mrs. C. S. LaHatte returned from Houston this afternoon after a pleasant visit to her sister, Mrs. F. A. Peters.

J. H. McCullough left this afternoon on a business trip to Oakwood and Lindale.

J. B. Stevenson went to Nicholas today on business.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Constable came up from Yuma today to shop.

W. K. Davis, local agent for the Overland, left yesterday for Houston, where he will join a group of salesmen and they will go to Toledo, Ohio, as the guest of the Willys-Overland Company. The party will be gone about ten days.

Rev. W. S. Parker went to Bremond today.

Mrs. Frank Underwood of Honey Grove, who has been the guest of Mrs. E. J. Fountain, left today for a visit to friends in Ennis.

Rev. C. E. Bullock went to Easterly today to fill his appointment there Sunday.

Mrs. Mattie Mike left this afternoon for a visit to Ennis.

Sergeant and Mrs. J. M. Kenny were in from College today.

Roger Q. Astin returned this afternoon from a two weeks' hunting trip in South Texas.

John L. Hensarling was in from Wellborn today.

R. H. Waller is spending a few days with his family in Fort Worth.

Sergeant and Mrs. George Smart came in from College today.

G. B. Hensarling and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Goodson were among the visitors from Wellborn today.

J. H. Ferguson was in the city today from his home at Harvey.

Cy Koontz and Henry Koontz of Zack were in town today.

L. M. Haltom was in the city today from Benchley.

R. H. Seale was a business visitor to the city today from Benchley.

Exra Wilson of Alexander was in town today.

Claude and Pat Moore of Edge were in the city today.

MONDAY.

Mrs. G. M. Garren left yesterday afternoon for Sweetwater in the interest of the extension department of A. and M. College.

Prof. A. W. Kinnard returned to Caldwell yesterday afternoon.

Miss Ora Conway left yesterday for Houston.

H. C. Robinson has returned from a business visit to Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. John K. Parker left yesterday afternoon for a visit to Houston.

A. W. Buchanan of the extension department of A. and M. College left yesterday for Richmond, Texas.

Norman Stuart left today for a visit to friends and relatives at Highbank.

Mrs. Guy C. Brister is visiting relatives in Burleson, Texas.

Mrs. W. J. Walker and son, Jimmy, left today for Commerce, where they will spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Walker's daughter, Mrs. S. P. Hart.

Miss Mamie Stahl, milliner for the Edge Dry Goods Company, left for her home in Tulsa, Okla., last night. She will spend the holidays there and before returning will visit the Eastern markets.

W. B. Lanham left today on a business trip to San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hensarling were in from Coleview today.

Mrs. B. Sblsa and Mrs. J. W. Ridgway of College were shopping in the city today.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Easters were visitors today from Kurten.

Mrs. J. B. Dunn and mother, Mrs. T. N. Kirby, motored in from Wheelock today to shop.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Payne were in from Edge today shopping.

C. P. Bullock was in trading today from Steep Hollow.

The many friends of W. O. Sanders will be sorry to learn that he is confined to his bed by illness.

Postmaster Jno. E. Astin has the honor of paying poll tax number 1 at the court house.

Mrs. S. A. Cottle of Brenham is visiting relatives and friends in Bryan.

Giddings cut-off for Caldwell in the interest of the A. and M. extension department.

John M. Carson was in Bryan yesterday shaking hands with old friends.

Mrs. C. N. Campbell returned to Houston yesterday afternoon after a pleasant visit to Miss Lelia Griffin. Mr. Campbell returned on the early Monday morning train.

Mrs. J. B. Bagley and Mrs. J. O. Morgan were in shopping today from College.

George E. Hadley left today on a business trip to Palestine.

Mrs. H. O. Ferguson is visiting relatives in Lexington, Texas.

Robert J. Potts returned to Waco this afternoon after spending several days in Bryan on business.

Mrs. G. E. Byars and Mrs. N. M. McGinnis of College were in shopping this afternoon.

Dr. W. H. Oliver and M. B. Parker returned today from a two weeks' hunting trip in South Texas.

D. D. Dawson, with the James Bute Company of Houston, was in Bryan today meeting old friends.

Mrs. D. Guthrie of Dallas arrived today for a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Alonzo Carter.

Mrs. C. J. Cavitt of Wheelock stopped off this afternoon on her return from Beaumont, for a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Robert Armstrong. She was accompanied by her daughter, Miss Ruth Cavitt.

Mrs. W. H. Thomas and Mrs. R. T. Richey were among the shoppers from College in Bryan today.

J. M. Olsen and C. M. Risinger were in today from Steep Hollow.

J. K. Presnal and daughter, Miss Laura, were in shopping today from Cottonwood.

R. E. Blanton and E. A. Hensarling were in trading today from Coleview.

Mrs. J. S. Francis and sons, Elzie and Bon, were in the city today from Tabor.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. D. Robinson came in today from Wixon.

Mrs. W. P. Jones was a visitor from Harvey today.

J. E. Bullock of Steep Hollow, was in the city today.

PROCEEDS CAUTIOUSLY
IN PEACE MOVEMENT

Representing so Many Countries, Both Allies and Teutons, in Foreign Capitals, the United States Would Be the Natural Medium of Communication—Before Making any Suggestions, Washington Would Like to Know Temper of the Allies—Would do Nothing to Destroy Usefulness as Future Mediator.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.—President Wilson's course of action regarding Germany's peace proposals remained undecided today while he waited for the official notification. It is believed, however, that while he will avoid any action that might hinder future usefulness as an intermediary, he will convey the delicate information that the United States desires some form of discussion.

The President was closeted with Colonel House today and cancelled all outside engagements.

The United States, by reason of its dual responsibility of representing the interests of most of the central powers and the entente governments in the capitals of their enemies, would of course become the medium of communication through which any reply of the entente government to the central belligerents would be made. Many officials feel, therefore, that an indication of the temper of the entente governments should be available before the influence of the United States was thrown into the balance.

The German embassy had no further advice today on the terms of peace proposals. It was freely admitted that the terms had been purposely omitted from the chancellor's speech and the note, because the sole purpose was to propose a conference on terms of peace, carefully avoiding any reference which might be made a basis of refusal.

But Little Fighting.

London, Dec. 13.—Only in Rumania, where the Teutonic armies continue to advance, and in Eastern Wallachia have any important military developments taken place in the last 24 hours. Berlin says the Rumanian resistance along the Jalomitza river has been overcome and they again are in full retreat to the northwest. The Germans claim 4,000 additional prisoners yesterday. Petrograd claims the Rumanians captured a row of villages south of the Mizil Buzeu high road.

German Losses Heavy.

London, Dec. 13.—German losses in November were 166,176, according to official lists, making the killed, wounded and missing since the war started, 3,921,869.

Claims Justification.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The German

note received today justifies the sinking of the American steamer Lanau, contending that the vessel carried contraband and was in fact under Norwegian owners.

Paris Press Derides.

Paris, Dec. 13.—The French papers received Von Bethmann Hollweg's offer with a chorus of derision, saying he is looking for a "way out," and at the same time is hoping to throw the blame for the war's continuance on the ententes.

Does Not Touch Question.

London, Dec. 13.—The Times says of Germany's peace proposal that it "bears no relation whatever to the objects for which we are fighting."

Conservatives Silent.

Berlin, Dec. 13.—The Conservatives in the Reichstag sat silent yesterday while Von Bethmann Hollweg delivered his peace proposal.

A Clumsy Trap.

Paris, Dec. 13.—"A Clumsy Trap" is the caption under which the morning papers print Chancellor Von Bethmann Hollweg's speech in the Reichstag. The Petit Journal wonders if the German people are so "naïve as to imagine that the allies will swallow this clumsy bait."

New Cabinet Falls Flat.

Paris, Dec. 13.—The new cabinet arouses but moderate enthusiasm in the French press. The most popular features of the reorganization are the appointment of General Hubert Lyautey as minister of war and General Neville as successor of General Joffre in command of the western front.

May Change German Government.

London, Dec. 13.—An unconfirmed report is current here that Emperor William is about to grant a parliamentary government to Germany.

Three Weeks for Reply.

London, Dec. 13.—It is expected here it will take three weeks to prepare the entente governments' joint response to the German peace proposals.

Fighting in Greece.

Berlin, Dec. 13.—Fighting is in progress between Greek regular troops and the French, the Overseas News Agency announces.

With Money to Spend You Will be Making Gifts
To Your Loved Ones

Park's Jewelry Store

(Post Office block, Bryan) is the Ideal Place for Buying.

Any Taste Pleased—Any Purse Matched. Thirty years successful business enables us to have WHAT YOU WANT! You run no risk in dealing with us. Your money's worth or your money back

Park--The Jeweler

Miss Sadie Dixon and Misses Lillian and Lucile Welch were in Bryan today from Mumford.

Mrs. A. W. Kinnard and the following ladies from Caldwell attended the masterpiece, "Romeo and Juliet," at the Queen today: Mesdames Womble, Porter, Garrett, Brooks, Taylor and Ragsdale.

Prof. F. W. Kazmier of the extension department of A. and M. College left last night for Cleburne.

Dr. W. F. Odom and wife motored in from Kurten yesterday afternoon.

Miss Lena Kilgough and Miss Iva Gilstrap were in shopping from Wheelock today.

Captain Jack Baxter left this afternoon for a visit to friends in San Angelo.

P. L. Barron was in town today from Rock Prairie.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Will Raines were in from Harvey today shopping.

T. P. Hall and Tobe Curlee were trading today in Bryan from Steep Hollow.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Atkinson and daughter, Miss Selma; Miss Mamie Hizer and Miss Opal Moore motored over from Iowa early this morning to shop.

Miss Lexie Causey and Miss Claudia Steele came up from Wellborn yesterday afternoon.

Claude Thompson was in from Harvey today.

A. E. Barto of near College has joined the army and will go to Austin tomorrow for the physical examination and sign enlistment papers. From there he will go to Fort Sam Houston and later to the border.

L. S. Williams and son, A. C., were in from Coleview today.

F. L. Hillyer returned to San Antonio Saturday afternoon after a short business visit to Bryan.

Mrs. L. A. Haste returned to Wellborn Saturday after shopping in the city. She was accompanied by Mrs. Harry Gammill.

The family of W. B. Byrd, an employee of the Eagle Printing Company, joined him yesterday from Hearne, to make their home in this city.

Prof. George P. Powers was a visitor to Bryan Saturday from Wellborn.

A. J. Tabor, Sr., of Rock Prairie, was in the city today.

A. M. Barto of Caldwell visited relatives and friends in this city yesterday.

Charles Merka of Smetana was in the city on business today.

Dr. A. L. Mondrick returned yesterday afternoon from a short business trip to Chicago.

W. S. Howell, Jr., left Saturday afternoon for a visit to Galveston and San Antonio and will return to spend the holidays in Bryan.

P. Hermer went to Dallas Sunday afternoon.

TUESDAY.

Sebe Keith was in from Kurten today.

Rev. Randolph Ray has returned from a short trip to Hearne.

Luther Johnson arrived yesterday from Palestine.

T. O. Walton left yesterday over the

GINNERS REPORT
SHOWS INCREASE

Reports Available Up to December 1st Show a Gain of 655,744 Bales Over Last Year.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Dec. 8.—Cotton ginned in the United States this season up to December 1st amounted to 10,359,346 running bales, according to the census bureau report today. Last year during the same period 9,703,602 running bales were ginned. This shows an increase of 655,744 bales.

GLASS MURDERER
HARD TO CATCH

Another Man Arrested on Suspicion to Be Released at Emory—No Evidence Against Him.

(By Associated Press.)

Emory, Texas, Dec. 12.—A man who was taken into custody in connection with the killing of Clarence Glass, the bank cashier at Point, Texas, last week, probably will be released. Sheriff Whittle of Rains county said today that he could not hold him on account of lack of evidence.

FRANCIS—LOCK.

Mr. B. N. Francis and Miss Ruby Lock, both of Cottonwood were united in marriage at 11 o'clock yesterday at the home of Rev. J. M. Bullock in this city. Rev. Bullock officiating. The bride and groom drove in from their home and were quietly married.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Lock and the groom a son of the late J. S. Francis, and Mrs. Francis. They are among the county's most estimable young people and have a large circle of friends who wish them much happiness.

EXAMINING TRIAL.

The examining trial of Arthur Phillips the negro arrested last week for passing forged checks on Ventura & Messina, merchants of this city was held today before Justice W. W. Gainer. Phillips was allowed bond in the sum of \$..... Another case of forgery was filed against Phillips today by County Attorney Bethea. Phillips latest "stunt" was cashing a check with the Globe Dry Goods Co. for \$10.

FEDERAL INQUIRY
ON IN NEW YORK

(By Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 11.—The federal inquiry into the high cost of living began here today, with Special Prosecutor Swacker declaring it was already proved there was no basis for the high prices for anthracite coal.

LIQUOR DEALERS DIS-
AGREE WITH BUSCH

Would Not Eliminate Bars Because of Comfort While Sitting at Tables—Would Drink More.

(By Associated Press.)

St. Louis, Dec. 11.—The Retail Liquor Dealers Benevolent Association today rejected the idea of August A. Busch of the Anheuser-Busch Brewing Association regarding the proposed method of Mr. Busch in managing the saloon business. Mr. Busch recently advocated that bars be eliminated and that dealers serve only beer and light wines at tables. The liquor dealers say that this plan would be conducive to heavier drinking because of the greater comfort of sitting at tables and the increasing sociability.

NEW STUDIO.

Charles Sosolik, owner of the Sosolik studio, is erecting a modern studio on the Harrison property next to the Zubeck tailor shop. The operating room will be 18 by 30 feet and the entrance will be a large reception room with a commodious display window for photos. Mr. Sosolik says his present location is too small for his growing business and that he will be better able to serve the public in his new location. He asks the public to call and see him in his new location when it is finished.

MARRIED AT COURT HOUSE.

Algot Erlander and Miss Manuella Constable were married today at the court house, his honor, Judge J. T. Maloney, officiating.



Family Dr.
and
Santa Claus
are coming to our
Drug Store
for their
Christmas Gifts.

IT WILL NOT COST YOU A "FORTUNE" TO COME TO OUR DRUG STORE AND BUY EXQUISITE PRESENTS FOR EVERY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY AND FOR YOUR FRIENDS.

FOR 25 OR 50 CENTS OR A DOLLAR OR ONLY A LITTLE MORE, WE CAN SELL YOU AN ACCEPTABLE CHRISTMAS GIFT.

JUST TAKE OUR "TIP" AND COME IN AND SEE OUR CHRISTMAS GIFT GOODS. AND REMEMBER THAT WHEN YOU DEAL WITH US YOU CAN "RELY" ON WHAT YOU BUY

M. H. James

SEWER BONDS FIND VERY QUICK SALE

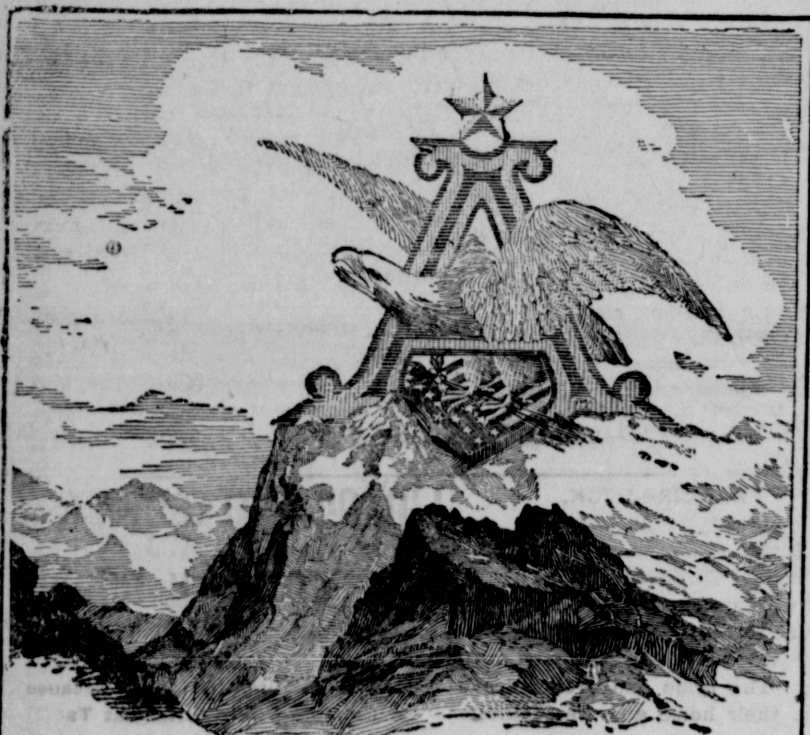
Secretary Smith Is Kept Busy Answering Letters from Brokers, Banks and Other Bond Buyers.

City Secretary Robert Smith reported this morning that no trouble would be experienced in selling the sewer bonds amounting to \$8,000.00, which were recently voted by the citizenship for the construction of a new sewage disposal plant for Bryan. Mr. Smith reports that he has had approximately 75 letters from different Brokers, Banks and Bond Buyers from

nearly every city in the United States who are desirous of bidding on the bonds, the fact is there were so many applications he was forced to get out a circular letter in order to give the many applicants an answer.

As yet, the bonds are not ready for sale. It will be the first of February before they are on the market and sealed bids will be received and held until they are printed and ready for market.

FOR SALE—One 8-foot galvanized wind mill with 40-foot tower complete. This was ordered for a customer who countermanded. Can be bought at little more than half value. Address 44, Bryan Eagle. w13pd



The Nation's Highest Mark of Brewing

BECAUSE of BUDWEISER'S sterling quality and goodness, it has made millions of friends. On land or sea—at home or abroad—this beer is justly honored as "the greatest of them all." Continuously brewing an honest beer of a uniform Quality, Purity, Mildness and exclusive Saazer Hops Flavor, has created a demand for this world-famed beverage that exceeds any other beer by millions of bottles.

ANHEUSER-BUSCH · ST. LOUIS, U.S.A.

Visitors to St. Louis are courteously invited to inspect our plant—covers 142 acres

Budweiser

Means Moderation

P. P. Boyett Distributor Bryan, Texas

The express charges on the cheapest beer are just as high as on the best

PHYSICAL VALUES OF A. & M. COLLEGE

Report of Auditors Show Detailed Values of All Departments Total More Than \$2,000,000.

An investment of more than two million dollars is represented in the buildings, grounds and equipment of A. and M. College, according to the report of the Commercial Auditing Company of Dallas, auditors for the board of directors. The statement of the company, made public today, shows an investment of \$1,287,722.57 in buildings; \$161,856.03 in lands and fences (2,416 acres of land); \$38,293.10 in live stock in the animal husbandry, dairy husbandry and farm divisions; \$334,295.72 in other equipment, and \$209,000 in interest bearing bonds, making a total investment of \$2,031,167.41. This sum does not include the experiment station lands, buildings and equipment, nor does it include the permanent improvements to be made under the appropriations for the fiscal year 1916-17. A \$100,000 auditorium, \$100,000 veterinary science building, a number of hothouses to be erected soon are not figured in the physical property valuation.

"We were much pleased with the general manner in which all departments are conducted," read the report. "No complaints or criticisms were heard from any employee or student. The institution is well controlled and well guided and speaks much for the president and administrative officers. Harmony seems to be the prevalent note."

No indebtedness was carried over from the last fiscal year and at present there is a cash surplus of \$116,498.14 available. All purchases are made through the business manager's office through a requisition system, every purchase being approved by the president and by the business manager.

In addition to the regular work of keeping the business affairs of the college straight, the business manager's office maintains a public utilities department, a private banking system for cadets and a tariff department for checking freight rates on goods bought. Lights, water and other utilities are afforded the campus residents and charges for this service are made and collected by the fiscal department. Last year \$106,912.15 was collected for various utilities. The cashier handled 5,000 deposits, \$30,000 checks and \$180,000 for the cadets. Freight shipments run into the thousands of dollars monthly and these are all carefully checked by the traffic department of the fiscal office. Five men are employed in the business manager's office.

The auditor's report pays a high compliment to the "business end" of the college, and says that the department "could not handle the immense volume of business that it does take care of unless its present systematic methods were employed."

FOR SALE.

245 acres of good upland, 150 acres in cultivation, 5 miles east of Bryan; pike road; good water; a 9-room house, close to good high school. See R. L. Buchanan. 13

STRAYED—On red male hog, spot on flank, both ears marked. Finder notify Henry Holubec, Kurten, and receive reward. w14pd

FOR SALE—One Loomis horse power well auger. See D. E. Vernon, Kurten, Tex. w13d77pd

BANK OFFICIAL RECOMMENDS THEM.

T. J. Norrell, vice president of the Bank of Cottonwood, Texas, writes: "I have received relief and recommend Foley Kidney Pills to anyone who has kidney trouble." Kidney trouble manifests itself in many ways—in worry, by aches, pains, soreness, stiffness and rheumatism. Sold by M. H. James.

HOME MISSION SOCIETY ELECTS OFFICERS

The Home Mission Society of the First Methodist church has elected officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Mrs. H. C. Fulham, President.
Mrs. J. S. Doane, first vice-president.
Mrs. Owen, second vice-president.
Mrs. J. B. Priddy, treasurer.
Mrs. E. W. Crenshaw, local treasurer.
Mrs. W. H. Cole recording secretary.
Mrs. Fred Taylor, corresponding secretary.
Mrs. Ed. Hall, publicity superintendent.
Mrs. Jesse Bullock, agent for Voice.
Mrs. P. H. Hensarting, agent for supplies.

TO ELECT MESSENGER TO WASHINGTON

Democratic Electors Meet in Austin in January to Select Man to Take Texas Vote to Washington.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 8.—A messenger to carry the 20 electoral votes of Texas to the electoral college at Washington will be selected when the Democratic electors meet here the second Monday in January.

This messenger will receive 20 cent mileage to Washington and return and also the same salary as a member of Congress while on this mission. It is understood there are already a number of aspirants for this honor.

During the period that the electors are in session they also receive the same compensation and mileage as members of the legislature.

BRYAN OPPOSES FEDERAL REGULATIONS

Before Congressional Committee the Nebraskan Opposes Government Railroad Regulation.

(By Associated Press)

Washington, Dec. 7.—William Jennings Bryan today told the joint congressional committee which is investigating transportation problems that he was opposed to the transfer of regulatory power to the federal government because it would inject immense political force into national affairs.

Mr. Bryan said also that such centralization would place an impossible burden on the federal authorities and he suggested that existing laws be amended so as to still permit the different states to exercise their powers over the railroads.

CALOMEL SALIVATES AND MAKES YOU SICK

Acts Like Dynamite on a Sluggish Liver and You Lose a Day's Work.

There's no reason why a person should take sickening, salivating calomel when 50c buys a large bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone, because it is perfectly harmless.

It is a pleasant, vegetable liquid which will start your liver just as surely as calomel, but it doesn't make you sick and cannot salivate.

Children and grown folks can take Dodson's Liver Tone—a perfect substitute for calomel.

Calomel is a dangerous drug. It is mercury and attacks your bones. Take a dose of nasty calomel today and you will feel weak, sick and nauseated tomorrow. Don't lose a day's work. Take a spoonful of Dodson's Liver Tone instead and you will wake up feeling great. No more biliousness, constipation, sluggishness, headache, coated tongue or sour stomach. Your druggist says if you don't find Dodson's Liver Tone acts better than horrible calomel your money is waiting for you.

COUGHED FIFTEEN YEARS.

Coughs that hang on and grow worse in the night are relieved by Foley's Honey and Tar. R. F. Hall, Mabe, Va., writes: "For 15 years I was afflicted with a troublesome bronchial cough and irritation of the throat. Foley's Honey and Tar relieved me; and after taking one bottle the cough ceased." Sold by M. H. James.

FARMERS WARNED TO SAVE SEED

Bureau of Plant Industry Fears High Price of Seed Will Tempt Sale of Reserves.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—The bureau of plant industry today advised the cotton growers of America to make certain of their seed supply of seed for next year's crop. The bureau heads declared that the very unusual high price of seed paid by the oil mills might tempt the farmers to cut down their seed reserves.

REV. COMBER ACCEPTS.

The pulpit committee of the Free Baptist church has received word from Rev. Fred Comber of Illinois, the newly elected pastor, stating that he will accept the call. The new pastor adds that he will be in Bryan and enter upon his pastoral duties on the first Sunday in January.

ANY NEW DEMAND FROM ALLIES CAUSE FOR WAR

Greece in Announcing Her Neutrality Lays a Predicate to Declare War on the Allies if They Should Make Any Further Demands—Petrograd Reports the Rumanians Have Checked the Advance of the Teutons—The Russians Have Made Progress in Macedonia—Premier Lloyd-George Is Ill—New British Policy Expected Thursday.

London, Dec. 11.—Rotterdam dispatches quote the Frankfurter Zeitung's Budapest correspondent as saying Greece has notified both the central powers and the entente allies that she will maintain a strict neutrality and that she will regard any new challenge from the ententes as cause for war.

The latest reports from Athens say the note of the entente governments to Greece is ready and undoubtedly will be presented tomorrow. It is understood the demands on Greece may require the demobilizations of the army, restoration of the control by the ententes of posts, telegraphs and railways and the release of all imprisoned Venizelosists.

Teutonic Advance Stopped.

London, Dec. 11.—Petrograd reports today indicate that the Rumanian northern army has stopped, for the time being at least, the Teutonic advance east of Polechti. The Rumanians must check the Austro-Germans here until their forces south in Eastern Wallachia can reach the Bueseu river, where the new defensive line is expected to be thrown up. Russia reports progress on the western frontier of Moldavia. There was no fighting on the other fronts.

Lloyd-George Ill.

London, Dec. 11.—Premier Lloyd-George is ill from a severe chill and was unable today to receive the seals of office from King George. The other

members of the ministry, who are not required to seek re-election, on the assumption of their offices, kissed the king's hands and received their seals. A statement of the new government's policy is expected Thursday.

The Nationalists will decide their attitude at a meeting called for tomorrow. It is expected they will press the Irish question with emphasis, demanding immediate changes in the Irish question and the release of Irishmen arrested during the rebellion.

British Advance.

London, Dec. 11.—The British have advanced their line in German East Africa sixty miles along a front of 200 miles, according to a Reuter's dispatch.

Danish Steamer Sunk.

London, Dec. 11.—Lloyd's says the Danish steamer Nora is believed to have been sunk.

More Greeks Revolt.

London, Dec. 11.—Athens dispatches say a revolution has broken out in the Cyclades, a group of Greek islands in the Aegean Sea.

Four German Planes Winged.

Paris, Dec. 11.—Four German airplanes were brought down by French air fighters, two on the Verdun front and two on Champagne.

MARCH COTTON BROKE FIVE DOLLARS PER BALE

Cotton Today Is Worth About \$20.00 Per Bale Less Than it was One Week Ago—First Real Break Last Friday, Continuing Throughout Saturday—Government Reports Total 11,511,000 Five Hundred Pound Bales.

New Orleans, Dec. 11.—March cotton broke \$5 per bale this afternoon immediately after the government report was issued. This break followed the slump which started last Friday and continued throughout Saturday. With the additional decline today, cotton is now almost \$20 per bale lower than it was two weeks ago.

Final Report.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Cotton production in the United States for the season of 1916-17 will total 11,511,000 500-pound bales, according to the announcement of the department of agriculture in its final report of the season today.

RED CROSS SEALS.

Mrs. M. W. Sims has been appointed superintendent of the sale of Red Cross Christmas seals in Bryan and requests the Eagle to state the seals are on sale at all the leading stores and places of business in the city. The price is only one cent each, and each penny spent for a seal will do its part in alleviating the suffering of those who are in sore distress. To what better purpose could you devote a few cents? The seals can be placed anywhere on packages, but on letters they should be placed on the back.

TO STOP SELF-POISONING.

For furred and coated tongue, biliousness, sour stomach, indigestion, constipation and other results of a fermenting and poisoning mass of undigested food in the stomach and bowels, there is nothing better than that old fashioned physic—Foley Cathartic Tablets. Do not gripe nor sicken; act promptly. For sale by M. H. James.

No. 666

This is a prescription prepared especially for MALARIA or CHILLS & FEVER. Five or six doses will break any case, and if taken then as a tonic the Fever will not return. It acts on the liver better than Calomel and does not gripe or sicken. 25c

"See How That Corn Comes Clear Off!"

"GETS-IT" Loosens Your Corns Right Off, It's the Modern Corn Wonder—Never Fails.

"It's hard to believe anything could act like that in getting a corn off. Why, I just lifted that corn right off with my finger nail. 'GETS-IT' is certainly wonderful! Yes, 'GETS-IT' is the most wonderful corn-cure



"It's Just Wonderful, the Way 'GETS-IT' Makes All Corns Go Quick."

ever known because you don't have to fool and putter around with your corns, harness them up with bandages or try to dig them out. "GETS-IT" is a liquid. You put on a few drops in a few seconds. It dries. It's painless. Put your stocking on right over it. Put on your regular shoes. You won't limp or have a corn "twist" in your face. The corn, callus or wart, will loosen from your toe—off it comes. Glory hallelujah! "GETS-IT" is the biggest selling corn remedy in the world. When you try it, you know why. "GETS-IT" is sold and recommended by druggists everywhere. 25c a bottle, or sent on receipt of price by E. Lawrence & Co., Chicago, Ill. Sold in Bryan and recommended as the world's best corn remedy by E. J. Jenkins.

OF INTEREST TO YOU

We are now showing an immense stock of Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Hats, Men's Furnishing Goods and Ladies Ready-to-Wear goods. We extend to you an invitation to visit our store, look at our goods, compare our prices, then we are willing to abide by your verdict. We have only one price to all. We make no claims we cannot substantiate, declare no value we can not show. We say that our present steady trade is in perfect keeping with our established policy of making each season the stepping stone to greater success. Our business is increasing each year and we attribute it to our manner of doing business, giving our customers the best value at the lowest prices possible. Although prices on all kinds of merchandise are much higher we were fortunate in buying nearly all of our goods very early, before they had gone up much, consequently we are selling a great many of our goods at old prices and others at a small increase in prices.



Men's Clothes

In our clothing Parlor we have a complete and beautiful line of men's clothes, in the newest models and latest weaves, and at prices that cannot be beat.

STAPLE DEPARTMENT.

In this department we are selling brown and bleached domestic, dress ginghams, percales, outings, canton flannels, mattress tickings, shirtings, etc, ome at old prices and others at a very small increase in prices.

MISSES AND CHILDRENS SHOES.

This line is complete in every detail, both for school wear and dress occasions at all prices.

Youths' and Boys' Clothes

A nobby line of youths long pant suits in the latest styles and newest colors.

Also a swell line of boy's knee pants suits, the latest cuts and beautiful patterns, all at the lowest prices.

DRESS GOODS.

Our stock is large and assortment too numerous to mention in detail. You must see this line to appreciate it. Also beautiful line of trimmings.

MENS AND BOYS HATS.

Big line of these goods in all the new shapes and colors also black, at the lowest possible prices.

\$1.50, \$2.50, \$3.50, \$5.00



Ladies' Ready-to-Wear Department



In this department you will find a beautiful line of Ladies Coat Suits, Ladies Dresses, Ladies Coats, Waists, Skirts, Gloves, Corsets, Ladies Underwear, all of the newest styles and latest materials, in all the new colors. Also beautiful line of ladies trimmed pattern hats. Everything in this department is priced very reasonably.



Ladies' Shoes

For beauty, style, and wear they cannot be excelled. All of the newest styles, patent kids, vici kid, dull kids, and in the new combination of colors, prices \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.50, and \$5.00.

Men's Shoes

Our stock of Men's Shoes is very complete—Men's dress shoes, shoes that will wear well at \$2.50, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50.



WEBB BROS.

PRIVATE MONOPOLY AND HIGH PRICES

High Living Cost Charged Up to Monopoly of Railroads, Lands, Marketing, Etc.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 8.—Private monopoly of the land and the railroads and of transportation, marketing, warehouse, slaughtering and cold storage facilities, is responsible for the high cost of living, said Frederick C. Howe, commissioner of immigration and the Land, in an address before the National Conference on Marketing and Farm Credits. Mr. Howe's subject was "The People and the Land: the Problem That Confronts Us." Declaring that the high cost of living has become a problem to the people of America as well as to the warring nations of Europe and that the solution hinges on the relation of the people to the land, he said in part:

connected with the land and is the biggest thing to be solved before the people because all wealth comes from the land. As long as there was land in abundance, under the homestead act, there was no serious immigration problem, but now that the land is all owned, the immigration situation has returned and now there is an industrial problem also. The government must turn to the land question, to agriculture, to insuring just treatment for farmer and consumer alike. "Some means must be found for opening the land to those who wish to produce wealth on it. There are only thirty persons to the square mile in the United States and a billion could live in America comfortably if the boundless resources of the continent were opened. The first step in constructive immigration is that adopted in Western Canada in encouraging farm improvements, houses and growing crops by placing taxes on the land alone. This would break up the colossal estates into which many Western states are divided. More than 200 million of the 800 million acres ready for cultivation in the United States are owned

by less than fifty thousand persons. Millions of people could be furnished homes and profitable employment if the hand of speculation and monopoly were removed.

"I believe the government should provide ready made farms to people of small means. This is the policy Denmark has adopted and 90 per cent of her farmers own their farms. The government there supplies all but 10 per cent of the capital and this the farmers furnish.

"Transportation should be a public service and the government should own and control it in order to distribute immigrants and others to the land. Such service should not be a private profit. Marketing is now uncertain and the farmer is so desolled by monopoly charges that he becomes discouraged and often bankrupt."

In closing Mr. Howe said the problem of distribution was to get people back to the land upon bearable conditions. "Unless a big, constructive program is worked out," he said, "I expect to see agriculture become less profitable and employ fewer people. Farmers and their sons will be driven to the cities as has been the case in

England. I expect to see the cost of takes to get the people back to the living rise till the government under-land."

AMERICA'S MOST PRESSING PROBLEM

Standardizing Warehouses and Marketing as to Serve Farmer and Consumer Alike.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 8.—America's most pressing problem is that of "so standardizing, warehousing and marketing our crops as to serve the legitimate interests of farmer and consumer alike," according to Carl S. Vrooman, assistant secretary of agriculture, who spoke here last night at a dinner incident to the fourth annual National Conference on Marketing and Farm Credits. Mr. Vrooman continued:

"Among the factors that stand out in the problem are rural credits, a satisfactory system of land tenure the co-operative purchasing of sup-

plies and facilities for marketing farm produce. These are subjects on which the federal government must do a lot of constructive work before the problems involved are satisfactorily solved. It is a herculean task, but filled with promise for the entire nation.

"From the first the department and the state agricultural colleges have helped the farmer in his fight against the chinch bug, the army worm, the boll weevil, the cattle tick and other insect pests, but for half a century there has been voiced a vehement protest from practically every farm organization in the country over the failure of either state or federal government to help the farmer in his fight against the usurer, the fake middleman and other human pests.

"At last the farmer is being met half way. More economic federal legislation has been passed in the past four years than during the forty years preceding. The office of markets has been created, a rural credits bill has been passed, a bonded warehouse bill, a good roads bill, a

grain standardization act and other invaluable legislation has been enacted. These laws are of revolutionary importance. They are the beginning of a new and more splendid epoch in American agriculture."

FARMERS ASK FOR EXTRA BIG LOANS

Applications Many Times Greater Than Will Be Available—Banks Not Yet Located.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 7.—The farm loan board announced today that 50,000 farmers have asked for \$150,000,000 in mortgage loans. This is seventeen times the amount which the twelve farm loan banks will have immediately available.

The location of the farm loan banks will not be announced before December 20th. The rate of interest on bonds is now occupying the board's attention. It is thought it will not exceed 5 per cent and perhaps will not exceed 4½ per cent.

WILL ADVOCATE FREE TEXT BOOKS

Eugene Nordhaus of San Antonio Will Push Proposition at Coming Session of Legislature.

(By Associated Press.)
Austin, Texas, Dec. 12.—Free text books for school children will be advocated at the session of the Thirty-fifth legislature by Eugene Nordhaus of San Antonio, house member from that county. Mr. Nordhaus said that he proposes to make an effort to get the bill passed as a statutory measure. He expects to introduce an amendment to the constitution.

PROMINENT FARMER DEAD.

Calvert, Texas, Dec. 12.—C. P. Briggs, one of Calvert's oldest Brazos bottom farmers, died Sunday night after a lingering illness, at his home six miles north of Calvert. He is survived by his widow and two sons, Will and Charlie.

Mr. Briggs was well known in Bryan and his many friends here regret deeply to learn of his death.

HOUSTON WILL NOT QUIT.

Will Remain in Cabinet at Request of President Wilson.

Washington, December 12.—Secretary Houston at the request of President Wilson has decided definitely to remain in the cabinet after March 4, it became known Monday. Washington University at St. Louis has extended his leave of absence from the office of chancellor.

TO SHOW RAT MEN- ACE IN PICTURES

State Health Department Has Film to Be Exhibited in Theaters in Texas.

(By Associated Press.)
Austin, Texas, Dec. 12.—One thousand feet of motion picture film on the rat menace has just been completed by the state health department and it will be shown in various Texas theaters. Dr. A. L. Lincoff, assistant state health officer, had charge of the making of the film and devoted considerable time to the gathering of material.

The life and habits of rats as well as means for their destruction will be shown in the picture. No demonstration of this nature has heretofore been planned by the department.

MANY BARNs BURNED.

Officers Looking for Firebug Working Near Navasota.

Navasota, Texas, Dec. 12.—The large barn owned by Moore Brothers, just west of the city, burned to the ground Sunday night with all of its contents, consisting of feed, corn, harness and farm tools. The loss is very heavy, with practically no insurance. This is the third large barn to burn within a few miles of Navasota within a short time. The first one belonged to Tom Barry, just south of the city, with no insurance at all. Friday night the large barn of John D. Rogers on his Allen farm burned. Only a few days ago the barn on M. B. Parker's place, a few miles north of here, in Burleson county, was burned. The officers have become satisfied there is a firebug at work and they are making every effort to catch him.

BORED SAFE IN STATE CAPITOL

Banking Commissioner C. O. Austin Found Hole Bored in Vault in His Office.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 12.—Charles O. Austin, commissioner of insurance and banking, is thoroughly convinced that the safe blowing epidemic is atmospheric and subject to spread. Recently several banks have been robbed, state and national banks, and Mr. Austin was awakened at 2 a. m. Sunday with a long distance call detailing the robbery of the Columbia State Bank of 6,000. He had little sleep the remainder of the night and when he arrived at his office the next morning he sure "went in the air," for he found the vault on the banking side with a hole drilled in the door and the vault wide open.

But it was no robbery. A clerk had reached the office early Sunday morning to do some extra work and sought to get some of the banking records in the vault. The combination could not be worked and he sent for a local locksmith, who said the lock was defective. The clerk told the locksmith to open the vault and he promptly drilled a hole at the proper place and soon threw the bolts back and opened the door. The lock has been repaired, a new combination put in and all traces of the hole obliterated.

RUB-MY-TISM

Will cure Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Headaches, Cramps, Colic Sprains, Bruises, Cuts, Burns, Old Sores, Tetter, Ring-Worm, Eczema, etc. Antiseptic Anodyne, used internally or externally. 25c

COL. OUSLEY SPEAKS IN OKLAHOMA CITY

Preaches the Doctrine of Diversification, Emphasizing the Opportunity of Southern Farmers.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Dec. 12.—To speak of 20-cent cotton or \$1.75 wheat in terms of dollars unless at the same time the money value of other things is considered is not sufficient, Clarence Ousley, director of the extension department of the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College, told the convention of the Oklahoma State Bankers' Association here today.

"As a matter of fact 20-cent cotton has no more power in the purchase of other commodities than 12-cent cotton had a year and a half ago," said Mr. Ousley in discussing "Safe Farming as a Basis of Safe Banking." He went on: "The price tag does not indicate value by any means, but value is to be reckoned by the relation of a given commodity to other commodities. The farmer who raises cotton or who raises wheat exclusively or principally must buy all the other things needed for the maintenance of his family and the operation of his farms. If these simple rules are applied in making farm plans for 1917, it will appear beyond a shadow of doubt that the farmer who derives his entire income from cotton will be no better off than he was when cotton was worth only half or even only a third of its present money value."

"All the world facts and figures now prevailing and likely to prevail for another year indicate overwhelmingly that food and feed prices will remain high, unless the nation resorts to some such tyranny as an embargo on export of foodstuffs. While the cotton supply for the current year is short of the demand, it is easily possible with a 10 per cent increase of acreage and with normal weather conditions to produce more than 16 million bales of cotton, which will be in excess of the world's demand for a year and will force prices downward accordingly. Not only that, but there is already evidence that high prices are curtailing consumption. British exports of yarn and cloth are 10 to 20 per cent less than they were for the corresponding period for 1913."

"Banking credit based upon all-cotton farming is a hazardous risk, but banking credit based upon food and feed farming is a safe risk. There is certain to be, at the close of the European war a reaction which will bring more or less distress to manufacturing industries and to commerce in general. The producing sections of the South and West have it in their power, by the exercise of the simplest business prudence, to escape the injury of that reaction and to insure a long period of remunerative prices for farm products. No single factor is so potential to this end as the country bank. It is hardly too much to say that, under these circumstances, the attitude of the bankers of the South will determine whether we are to make permanent our present agricultural prosperity, or whether we are to relapse into the slavery of cotton which has kept us in bondage for fifty years. The banker's responsibility is great, but his opportunity is glorious."

BIG GAME IN PICTURES.

University-A. and M. Thanksgiving Contest Being Repeated.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 12.—Moving pictures of the Thanksgiving football game between Texas University and Texas A. and M. College, played at Austin, will be shown next Monday and Tuesday at an Austin theater and will later be shown in many Eastern cities. First is shown some of the preliminaries of the inauguration of President Vinson at the capitol, then the football play. The camera was moved so as to show the rooting sections in action with the facial expressions of the yell leaders, as well as the "co-eds" throwing confetti and waving Texas pennants. The actions of both teams are pictured at the time of each touchdown, and the famous longhorn steer, Bevo, which was presented to the students by the alumni of the university, is shown in action.

CULBERSON WILL ADDRESS SOLONS

Senior Senator From Texas to Address Texas Legislature While in Texas This Winter.

(By Associated Press.)
Austin, Texas, Dec. 12.—Charles A. Culberson, senior senator from Texas, who is reported to be in excellent health now, will address the state legislature when he comes South this winter, according to close friends here.

THEY ARE OFF HERE IS THE LIST

The Eagle's Big Subscription Contest Was Launched Yesterday—Are You Running?

Below is the list of nominations to date in the Eagle's contest. Not all of these will start. As a rule not over 10 per cent that are nominated start or even take any part in the contest. There will also be some more names added to the list without doubt in the next few days. Those on the list should let the Eagle office know at once their intentions whether to start or not in the race. If you intend to start we can help you greatly. If you are not going to start we will be glad to remove your name from the list. This is a contest for workers. If you are ambitious, get your name on this list at once. It will be published once a week during the contest, with the change of votes.

Bryan.

Mary Shelburne	5,000
Anna Mae Locke	5,000
Fay Driver	5,000
Fannie Allen	5,000
Zonnie Seale	5,000
Irene Pletzer	5,000
Lillian Barron	5,000
Pearl Kern	5,000
Mary Lavender	5,000
Myrtle McCullough	5,000
Ima Lee Peck	5,000
Etta Peters	5,000
Pansy Conlee	5,000
Marjorie Bittle	5,000
Ora Conway	5,000
Gertrude Yaeger	5,000
Erin Blatherwick	5,000
Susie Benbow	5,000
Rowena Rhodes	5,000
Bertie Suber	5,000
Lidie Belle Pipkin	5,000

Bryan, Route 3.

Lola Jones	5,000
Jennie McMillan	5,000
Eldel Thomson	5,000

Kurten.

Ethel Tobias	5,000
Cora Easters	5,000
Eldelweiss Koppe	5,000
Artie Lawless	5,000
Pearl Drummond	5,000

Franklin.

Kathleen Curry	5,000
Mary Morehead	5,000
Mabel Wilson	5,000
Faye Tynes	5,000
Sudie Pier	5,000
Carrie Love	5,000

Tabor.

Gladys Broach	5,000
Minnie McCallum	5,000

Iola.

Lovie Yeager	5,000
Lona Cleveland	5,000
Emma Howard	5,000
Juanita Adkerson	5,000
Mary Barron	5,000
Rosa Driver	5,000

Keith.

Blanche Smith	5,000
Inez Lavender	5,000
Cloy Floyd	5,000
Oxie McClain	5,000

North Zulch.

Engard Bethke	5,000
Elito Simpson	5,000
Susie Keefer	5,000
Clara Parish	5,000
Carrie Simpson	5,000

Mesa.

Mabel Chaney	5,000
Effie Bennett	5,000
Isabell Davis	5,000
Mabel Murray	5,000

Normangee.

Edna Peters	5,000
Jewel Sheppard	5,000
Maggie Tomlinson	5,000

Millican.

Caro Mae Edwards	5,000
Lillian McGregor	5,000
Lovie McLeod	5,000
Dollie McLeod	5,000

Zack.

Miss Mary Locke	5,000
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Edge.

Mae Belle Moore	5,000
Ethel Payne	5,000
Gertrude Beard	5,000
Lon Etta Murphy	5,000
Bessie House	5,000

Hearne.

Miss Lillian McCarver	5,000
Miss Willie Mann	5,000
Miss Marie Luke	5,000

Wellborn.

May Foster	5,000
Vivian Royder	5,000
Ona Mae Warren	5,000
Grace McSwain	5,000
Dimple Carle	5,000
Annie Maude Royder	5,000
Lucille Haste	5,000

Wheelock.

Sallie Curry	5,000
Ivy Gilstrap	5,000
Ruth Hanover	5,000
Leta Curry	5,000
Lena Killough	5,000

Benchley.

Kittie Roberson	5,000
Levenia Franklin	5,000

Benchley, Route 2.

Myrtle Josey	5,000
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Reliance, Route 6.

Artie Lou Smith	5,000
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DEUTSCHLAND IS AGAIN AT HOME

Berlin, Dec. 11.—The German commercial submarine Deutschland, completing a quick trip from the United States, arrived at noon Sunday off the mouth of the Weser.

The arrival of the Deutschland at a German port marks the successful completion of the second round trip of this commercial undersea boat to the United States. On her voyage just finished she made the passage in 19 days, having left New London on November 21. Her previous eastward trip from Baltimore took her 23 days. Her two westward voyages occupied respectively 16 days and 21 days.

The Deutschland is the only commercial craft of her type that has succeeded in reaching this country from Germany, her sister ship, the Bremen, having been lost on her outward voyage. On her last voyage the Deutschland took a cargo estimated at two million dollars in value and official mail for Germany.

BANK ROBBED AT COLUMBIA

Secured \$6,000 and Fired at Cashier, Surprised W. E. Ogborn in the Bank Alone.

Columbit, Texas, Dec. 11.—When a lone robber secured \$6,000 Saturday night about 10:30 o'clock when he held up the Columbia State Bank cashier, W. E. Ogborn, he overlooked between \$2,000 and \$3,000 that was lying in the safe from which he secured the \$6,000.

Mr. Ogborn was in the bank working on his books with the bank safe standing open. The robber made his appearance suddenly and commanded Mr. Ogborn to hold up his hands. Covering the cashier, the intruder backed to the open safe and secured \$1,000 in silver dollars and \$5,000 in currency.

As the robber was leaving the building Mr. Ogborn fired two shots at the man and the robber fired once at him. All of the shots went wild. The robber wore dark clothing, was about 5 feet 8 inches in height, wore a cap pulled down over his eyes and his coat collar was turned up.

All officers in this section of the state were notified.

\$50,000 FIRE AT MARSHALL.

Guardsmen Armory and Other Buildings Were Destroyed.

Marshall, Texas, Dec. 11.—Fire early Sunday morning destroyed property in the business section of the city valued at \$50,000, partly covered by insurance.

Among the buildings destroyed was the armory, the home of the local guardsmen now doing duty on the border. The loss to the guardsmen in personal effects and the government in uniforms and other property is estimated at \$2,500. Among the heaviest losers is the Hays Machinery Company, estimated at \$30,000.

VISITED HEARNE.

Dr. and Mrs. M. E. Weaver, Miss Grace Weaver and Prof. and Mrs. McAllister went to Hearne yesterday afternoon by automobile for the night service at the Baptist church, returning home after the service. Dr. Weaver filled the pulpit. It was a special service in the interest of Buckner Orphans' Home of Dallas, and the splendid sum of \$200 was subscribed by the congregation. The members of the party who went from Bryan report a most cordial reception by the good people of Hearne and a most helpful and inspiring service.

M'ADOO WILL NOT RESIGN

I Have No Intention of Resigning From Cabinet, Said Formal Statement.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Secretary McAdoo Monday disposed of reports that he intended to resign with the following formal statement: "I have no intention of resigning from the cabinet."

Jessie Matthews	5,000
Janie Belle Stockton	5,000
Lillian Lloyd	5,000

Calvert.

Madell Allen	5,000
Kathleen Talbot	5,000
Ruby Lauderdale	5,000
Lucille Burnett	5,000
Imogene Reed	5,000
Minnie Ryman	5,000

STRAYED OR STOLEN—One sorrel mare mule about 14 hands high; \$5 reward for any information leading to recovery. Reid Bros., Bryan. w13

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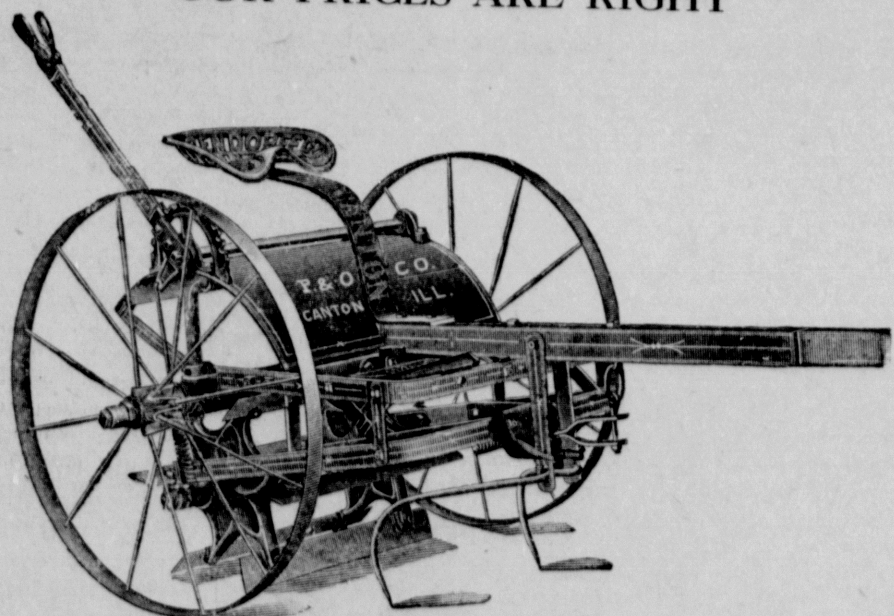
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